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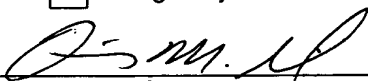
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed August 24, 2007, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

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**IN THE TITLE**

Please amend the Title as follows:

~~ENCODING APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM~~ APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
ENCODING A MULTI-CHANNEL SIGNAL AND A PROGRAM PERTAINING THERETO